

NSC BRIEFING

1 July 1957

HUNGARIAN PARTY CONFERENCE

- I. Hungarian Party Conference--first big party conclave since revolution--held Budapest 27-29 June. Reelected party leader Kadar and reaffirmed his policies--a combination of economic concessions and political intimidation.
  - A. Kadar promised continuation of terror campaign against "enemies."
- II. Kadar admitted quarrels within party; told neo-Stalinists to toe line and support his leadership, warned "revisionists" (Nagy-inclined elements) to stop "counterrevolutionary" tendencies.
  - A. Hopes to quiet situation by keeping to middle of road but strength of neo-Stalinist faction and continued Soviet pressure force him to move against "revisionists" and compromise with neo-Stalinists.
    1. Latter getting some top posts (Josef Revai, Rakosi associate and famous Stalinist theoretician elevated to Central Committee), but Kadar said Rakosi and Gero (still in USSR) would not get back in party leadership.
    2. Because many party members still hostile to USSR, Kadar called for defense of Soviet-Hungarian relations with "courage" and "without shame."
- III. Although Moscow sympathetic to neo-Stalinists, sees no good alternative to Kadar at present.
  - A. Return of Rakosi would split party wide open.

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